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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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disease related gene transcripts in blood

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Amendment and Response to Office Action

Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the non final office action mailed April 23, 2007.

A three month extension of time to respond to the office action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this response to restriction requirement and Amendment. Please charge any necessary fees required in connection with the paper transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 04-1105, Reference No.: 204231/2055J.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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